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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: OCS Budget Hearing with BOB

1. At 1600 hours, 23 October 1968, a hearing on the FY70 budget was held between OCS and the Bureau of the Budget. The meeting was held in [redacted] presiding. Mr. John Hurley represented the Bureau of the Budget, while Mr. Charles Briggs, [redacted] represented OCS. Also in attendance were [redacted] and the undersigned representing DD/S&T.

2. [redacted] opened the meeting by stating OCS is currently equipped with third-generation computer equipment. Their current planning is for future equipping with fourth-generation computers, but this change should not occur before FY71. Mr. Briggs added that some purchase money for third- and fourth-generation computers will be included in each fiscal year from FY70 on. Mr. Hurley said he was mainly interested in the increase in average employment of 17 and 18 in FY70 and FY71. He also asked if FY68 was a large purchase year, and Mr. Briggs stated that it was. Mr. Briggs added that the largest part of the FY70 increase was for rental of IBM 360/65 equipment and presented some backup statistics as a rationale for the need of added equipment. Mr. Briggs stated that in September FY66 OCS processed 2,027 jobs, while in the same month of FY67 they had increased to 4,322 jobs, and in September of FY68 this number had risen to 7,068 jobs. Obviously, Mr. Briggs stated, additional equipment had been acquired throughout this period. The number of jobs per day had come up from 92 in FY66 to 253 in FY68. The number of metered hours of machine operation in September of '68 was 2,077. Mr. Briggs said that success in data processing has led to new work being originated by more of the offices within the Agency. The only reasons OCS has been able to accomplish as much with the number of people currently on board have been the improvement in turn-around time and the decrease in error rate.

3. Mr. Briggs, in discussing the future of OCS, stated new programs such as the improvement in CORONA will require considerably more support. Testing on this program is currently in progress. He also spelled several other programs which are either expanding and will require more

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data processing or are new and will require new programming and an added workload in data processing. He said OCS is writing more of their programs in house rather than having them done by contractors, and they are finding that these programs often have more than one use. FMSAC, Mr. Briggs said, has increased their usage of data processing every year and has not and will not level off in the near future. OEL has recently learned to use the computer as an engineering tool in analysis and design. The machine helps assure precision in their work. Two terminals are currently being installed in OEL for instant access to the computers. OSP has increased their computer usage in many of their programs. The use of EDP in graphics and plotting has grown dramatically, and there is great potential in this area in the future. EDP has also been employed in statistical modeling such as the support of [redacted] This support has become more and more complex. [redacted] discussed this aspect at some length.

4. Further pursuing the workload, Mr. Briggs stated his office's efforts on behalf of COINS can only grow in the future. Office management systems are on the increase, and this includes DD/S&T's contract management system, the prism system used by OCS, a new [redacted] for aircraft scheduling, a new FE control system, etc. Success in these systems breeds more business, and several other management systems can be expected in the foreseeable future. At this point a discussion of the priorities exercised upon OCS from within the Agency from USIB, NIPE, and others ensued. Mr. Briggs said that on some occasions the matter of priority had to be referred to [redacted] for resolution. Mr. Briggs stated the SIPS program does not come into its full operation until about 1972, but it looks as if many pieces of SIPS will be implemented in the very near future. Around six of these elements are currently in effect. The PPB system has required some support by OCS, and training of people for COINS and other computer programs has always been a responsibility of this office. In closing this discussion Mr. Briggs stated the accumulation of work in OCS has been immense and has required an ever-increasing amount of machinery and operators.

5. Mr. Hurley asked what would occur if OCS does not get the 360/65 (or equivalent) computer it has programmed for FY70. He asked if all programs would suffer across the board or whether one big program would be eliminated. He further inquired as to the potentiality of putting OCS

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on a double shift to cover the work. Mr. Briggs replied that OCS is already working three shifts, and they are completely occupied with the current workload. He stated planning for the 360/65 is across the board and without it all programs would suffer, but they did not plan to eliminate any single program. Mr. Hurley asked if the "buy" option on the 360/65 is killed by the Bureau, would the amount needed by OCS in 1970 be changed. He understood this amount to be [redacted] stated that the [redacted] is not tied completely to the 360/65-4; it includes bits and pieces of other equipment and would mean that OCS would have to do without one important segment of their vital equipment. Mr. Briggs added that OCS does not care to purchase much of the peripheral equipment for this computer because of the rapid change being experienced in the computer industry and the updating that would be required.

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6. Mr. Hurley asked for a breakdown of the [redacted] requested for FY70. Mr. Briggs, in answering, said that this number is already scaled down from what he had originally asked for and that the people would be used as follows: [redacted] programmers/program analysts for the Scientific Applications Division, [redacted] programmers/program analysts for the Management Support Division, [redacted] operators, one technical staff, one product control, and one key-punch operator would be used in the Operations Division, and one position would be for the front office. This totals [redacted] (programmer/program analysts) would be deleted from Intelligence Support Division. Mr. Hurley asked how many of the seventeen people would be keyed to the 360/65 computer. [redacted] said this was difficult to say but certainly most of the operators would be keyed to this computer and perhaps some of the programmers. Mr. Hurley expressed his thanks, and the meeting was adjourned.

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